

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 3, 2010

Attending:

Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Thomas Brann
Councilor Shannon Cox
Councilor Andre Cushing
Councilor Janet Hughes

Town Mgr. Sue Lessard
Public Safety Dir. Joseph Rogers

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. by Andre Cushing.

1. Minutes of 4/20/2010 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Shannon Cox, seconded by Jean Lawlis, vote – unanimous.
2. Warrants were reviewed by the Committee and signed by Finance Committee members.
3. Old Business – None
4. New Business
 - a. Public Safety Request
The Public Safety Director discussed with the Committee some ideas that he and the Town Manager had reviewed for the purpose of possibly retaining a police officer that currently works a part time schedule for the Town, but which the Town has invested training funds in through academy attendance. The idea of a rate per hour differential for this 'permanent part time' position was put forward as a way of making the position more attractive since it does not have any benefits attached because it is a part time position. Motion by Tom Brann, seconded by William Shakespeare to authorize the Town Manager and Public Safety Director to consider a 'premium' wage for the 30 hour per week part time police officer position as an incentive to retain a person that the town has expended training funds on. Vote 6-0.
5. Public Comments – None
6. Committee Member Comments –
 - a. Councilor Hughes indicated that she had had feedback from some contractors about the 'unsuitable soils' change order for the school project that amounted to nearly a million dollars. The Committee requested that the Town Manager set up a meeting with the Council and the School Board/ engineering firm to discuss the unsuitable soils change order as well as the other items that were removed from Phase I and are now being done in Phase II.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lessard, Town Manager

